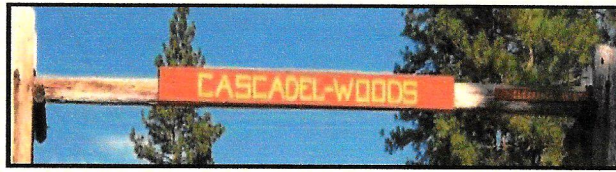


# THE WOODS



VETERANS' DAY  
NOV. 11, 2019



Day Light Savings Ends  
NOV. 3, 2019

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CASCADEL WOODS  
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## CMWC NEWS

### WINDS CAUSE PG&E TO SHUT DOWN POWER

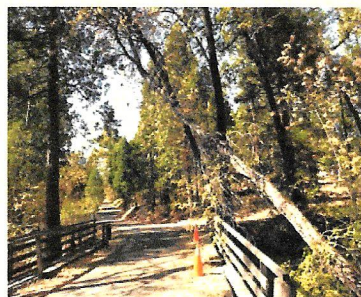
On Sunday 10-27-2019, winds were forecasted to be up to 70mph at times. PG&E reacted to the high winds by shutting down several power grids throughout the mountains in the hopes of preventing wildfires due to downed power lines. It seems to have worked for the mountain community. Most areas had power returned by Monday, but Cascadel was not restored until Wednesday due to reported damage to PG&E infrastructure.

It looks as if this wildfire prevention act by PG&E will be an on-going process, making most residents consider the possibility of purchasing a generator.

There are many things to know when you add a generator to your home to prevent damage to the home or injuries to linemen. Do your part and hire an electrician to install your generator to insure everyone's safety.

### CLOSE CALL ON THE BRIDGE

We checked the streets on Monday after the high winds of Sunday evening. A tree was found to be pulled from the ground and leaning precariously over the bridge.



Clean Cut Crews came out with their crane and removed the tree and also lightened up the load on another tree which is over the bridge to hopefully prevent this tree from falling when the snows come.



### FIREWISE COMMITTEE/BRIGADE

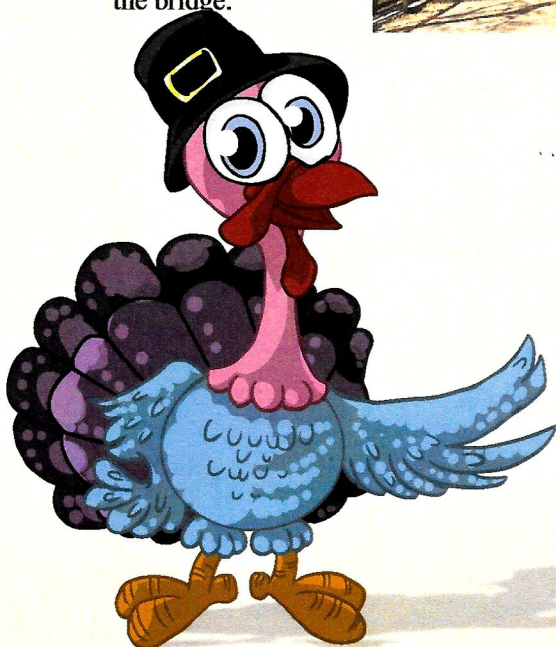
The Fire Brigade held a Culvert Clearing Workday on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup>.

The Brigade worked on two culverts. Along with Brigade members we had Ed Rose who is the Water Co. Director and Road Committee Chair, as well as Mike Ketscher. We will have another clean out day in November, weather permitting.

The Firewise Brigade is now working with contractors to perform clean up and maintenance on the larger culverts. One such contractor was hired to clear out one culvert to evaluate their work. We were happy with the results and will most likely contract with the company for more work throughout the subdivision to compensate for the lack of volunteers to perform some of the heavier jobs to keep the culverts flowing.

### WINTERIZING YOUR HOME

The temperatures are starting to fall, and now is a good time to begin the practice of winterizing your Cascadel home by shutting off the water at the meter or where it enters your home. Once the water has been shut off, open your faucets and flush your toilets to empty the lines to prevent freezing pipes.



# Happy Thanksgiving

If you forget to take care of your water lines, please call Ken Wood@ 559-676-5387 or Stan Eggink@ 559-877-6290, and we will shut your water off at the meter and open the outside faucets.

**NEW WATER COMPANY EMAIL ADDRESS:**  
[info@cascadelmutual.com](mailto:info@cascadelmutual.com)

## CWPOA NEWS

### CAL FIRE - Fire Prevention Program Grant

The California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CAL FIRE) announced on Wednesday, September 2, the availability of over \$80 million in funding for Forest Health and Fire Prevention projects. We were able to attend the workshop for this grant.

This grant could actually get our mountain community cleaned up from the Bark Beetle and drought damage. The Grant would most likely fund late this year and is a four year grant. We will keep you updated through the newsletter on the progress.

### Wildfire is still a very real threat!

The weather is cooling down, and it is easy to forget that the grasses are still extremely dry and tall in many areas of Cascadel Woods. Outside pit fires are not allowed at this time.

Make sure you inform any visitors to your cabin regarding outside fires.

To check the Madera County Cal Fire restrictions go to the Cal Fire website - <https://fire.ca.gov>.

Make sure you are signed up for the MC Alert system so you are notified wherever you are in case there is a wildfire in our area. Sign up at - [www.MCAAlert.org](http://www.MCAAlert.org).

Also be sure to sign up for PG&E outages and alerts at [https://www.pge.com/en\\_US/residential/your-account/account-management/manage-your-account/alerts-and-notifications.page](https://www.pge.com/en_US/residential/your-account/account-management/manage-your-account/alerts-and-notifications.page)

### CSA-21

Ahmad Alkhayyat, Madera County Public Works Director stated during the regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, that only 40 or so mailed replies to Madera County in regards to the dispensation of our CSA-21 open space and clubhouse. There was no mention from the Board or Ahmad Alkhayyat on what the replies stated. The survey was not a legal vote on the issue. We have no information from Madera County Board of Supervisors or LAFCO on what they have decided to do with our property that is in the CSA-21. You can contact Ahmad Alkhayyat at 559-675-7881 or e-mail him at [ahmad@madera-county.com](mailto:ahmad@madera-county.com) to inquire about the results of the survey or what the Board of Supervisors has decided to do with the property you bought and paid for.

The LAFCO Board meeting scheduled for October 23,

2019 was postponed until December 11, 2019 at 3:00pm. They meet in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Conference Room in Madera County Government Center.

200 W. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Suite 3100  
Madera, CA 93637  
Phone: 559-675-7821

The next meeting agenda for LAFCO has not been put on the website at this time. You can check for it at: <https://www.maderacounty.com/government/madera-lafco/upcoming-meeting-agenda-documents>.

There is a Cash Balance in the CSA-21 accounts of \$15,368.75 with \$10,000 already earmarked for disbursement by the county leaving only \$5,368.75 cash available. We receive \$15,300 a year from the assessments. You can see the Sept. financials of the CSA-21 on our website under the CWPOA side – Finances.

## CWPOA COMMUNITY HOLIDAY PARTY

**SAVE THE DATE** Friday, Dec. 13 from 5 – 9PM



**LOCATION:** Grace Community Church in North Fork.

We have rented the room next to the Thrift Store behind the church. There is no alcohol permitted on the premises. It will be a Potluck as always with something fun for all of you to enjoy. More info as the time approaches. **Only 8 more weekends before Christmas.**

## EVENTS AND MEETINGS

- Nov 11 – Veterans' Day
- Nov 16 – Firewise Brigade Workday Meeting 9 AM at the clubhouse parking lot

### NEXT MONTH

- Dec 13- CMWC Board of Directors Meeting Noon to 2 PM
- Dec 13 – Holiday Pot Luck Party 5-9 PM Grace Community Hall in North Fork



Oakhurst Memorial

## FROM THE EDITOR

We hope you enjoyed The Woods Newsletter. Send submissions for the December Newsletter by Nov. 24, 2019 to Carol Eggink at [egginks@netptc.net](mailto:egginks@netptc.net).